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Livestock Producers Invited to Certified Livestock Producer Trainings

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture would like to invite Indiana livestock producers interested in participating in the Certified Livestock Producer Program to attend one of three trainings held around the state this summer. The program recognizes outstanding livestock producers that go above and beyond in their farm management practices.

“Becoming a Certified Livestock Producer is an excellent way to show your community how committed you are to responsibly raising livestock,” said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. “We know most livestock producers do a great job already, and this program will further polish their farm management plans.”

Trainings will be held July 16th in Washington County, July 17th in Gibson County and August 27th in Kosciusko County. More information will be sent to producers after registration.

Interested producers must register by contacting Kimmi Devaney at KDevaney@isda.in.gov or 317.450.3570 no later than seven days prior to the training they plan to attend.

To be recognized by ISDA as a Certified Livestock Producer, participants must uphold the highest industry standards in environmental protection, animal care, bio-security, emergency planning and community relations. They also agree to sign the Producer Promise, committing to meet or exceed the high standards of the Certified Livestock Producer Program as a commitment to the citizens of the State of Indiana.

To complete their certification, producers will meet with their veterinarian to discuss their bio-security plan and meet with their local fire department to review their emergency plan, as well as obtain a certain number of points on each of the self assessments.

Certified livestock producers receive a variety of discounts from program sponsors, including Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, MWI Veterinary Supply, Townsends Sales Livestock Equipment, Cherry Brother Designs Farm Source Systems (Farm emergency plans) and Cowco Inc.

Since the program’s launch in 2008, 96 Hoosier farmers have earned the certification and 22 are currently in the process. Indiana is one of only a handful of states to have a voluntary program that recognizes farmers for their commitment to innovative and top industry standards.

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